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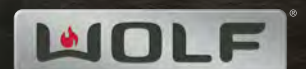
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EDITOR'S LETTER



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This issue we've included some of the latest products we saw launch at the LivingKitchen exhibition in Cologne. It's the most important show in Europe this year for kitchens and highlights the trends we'll see emerging.

'Life's too short' is my mantra when it comes to cleaning the oven and a self-cleaning pyrolytic function is an absolute essential, so it was good to see more companies offering this time-saving feature not only at the top end – making it more accessible. We also saw a huge increase in what is being termed the social or urban kitchen – a casual open-plan kitchen where friends can gather for dining. Some of the bling and sparkle we've seen in previous years had been replaced by occasionally edgy materials such as concrete, slate and rough hewn wood.

In a different but equally distinctive vein, the Ocean Kitchen by Kolenik EcoDesign caught my eye – because it's unlike anything I've seen before. The kitchen island doubles as a huge aquarium – see this and more of the highlights at utopiamag.co.uk

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Front cover This elegant family kitchen is part of a large Edwardian home in Oxfordshire. The Goodwood range kitchen by Teddy Edwards has been designed to complement the building's stunning timber architecture. It features integrated appliances and a bleached walnut breakfast bar. Read more on **page 24**

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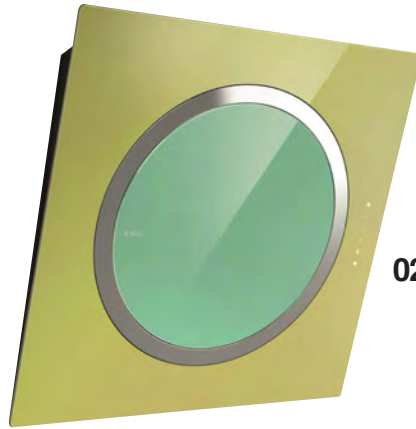
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This stylish Modena walnut kitchen by McCarron & Co is partly finished in Farrow & Ball's 'Blackened' off-white paint. It features a large curved island with breakfast bar that boasts a leather inlay. The maple cutting board on the end of the island includes an integrated prep sink unit with an Abode nickel-finish tap. The worktops and splashback are in Bianco Antique stone and doors and drawer handles in cast aluminium. Kitchen from £25,000. mccarronandco.com

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This classic walnut kitchen is from the Goodwood range by Teddy Edwards. It features a large island with a hob, end grain iroko chopping board and bleached walnut breakfast bar – so it is perfect for entertaining while you cook. The island is painted in Teddy Edward's Warm Grey and complemented by Moleanos blue limestone worksurfaces. Kitchen from £40,000. teddy-edwards.co.uk

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The freestanding over bath Royal Shower Temple with 8mm-thick glass acts as the eye-catching centrepiece for this traditional bathroom. The nickel finish enclosure, which is available from West One Bathrooms, is complemented by a back-to-wall Close Coupled loo and Ceramic Console basin. Shower from £2,900. westonebathrooms.com

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HIGHGATE HIGH LIFE



This eight-bedroomed modern mansion backing on to Highgate Golf Course needed an interior that would lure the über-wealthy to part with £22 million. An elegantly understated Poggenpohl kitchen and a selection of ultra-luxurious marble-clad bathrooms helped to bait the hook



THE owners

Potential owners of Fairways, off The Bishops Avenue, are likely to be firmly in the celebrity/rock star/footballer strata, thanks to the prime location of the mansion, off a street in which Lulu, Ringo Starr, Sting, George Michael, Salman Rushdie and Annie Lennox have all lived. The home has 1,575 square metres of floorspace, a home cinema, swimming pool and staff accommodation.

A mainly handleless two-tone Poggenpohl +Segmento kitchen was specified, giving a clean-cut, contemporary look to the area. Top of the range appliances from Gaggenau continue the luxurious feel, while making it a superbly functional space to cook in, ideal for those who like to entertain and providing everything that caterers would need



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Developer Albany Homes brought in the talents of interior designer Celia Sawyer, founder of Celia Sawyer Luxury Interiors, to create luxurious interiors to sit alongside the Poggenpohl kitchen in creating a privileged and exclusive atmosphere.

What was your inspiration?

Celia: “The house is in a very expensive area, attracting billionaires, overseas buyers, pop-stars and royalty; so I tried to create a space that would be über-luxurious. My vision came to life through the highest quality finishes and workmanship, and the use of craftsmen with high levels of expertise, from bespoke high-lacquered woods through to marble mapping and special plaster finishes. The furniture inside was all designed specifically for the property, and the accessories were all hand-picked.”

What is special about the ‘his and hers’ bathrooms?

Celia: “They are luxurious and glamorous, but still practical. High-end fittings and accessories mixed with good lighting was essential – I used

mirrors to create lots of reflections, adding glamour and making everything look bigger overall. The lighting was incredibly important; it was subtle, using beautiful crystal lights in ‘her’ bathroom, which had the bath as the central point of the room, while ‘his’ bathroom with its walk-in shower has masculine touches and uses a darker marble, giving it a male-oriented feel.”

Were there any challenges?

Celia: “The hardest things were finding the right suppliers and sourcing the luxurious materials I desired. It was also quite difficult on installation as some of the building work was still slightly behind.”

Are you pleased with the project?

Celia: “It was a great project to work on and I loved the end result, which was even better than my initial vision of the house. The aim was to keep the house very light and airy, but still luxurious.





Her ensuite

The master bedroom on the first floor has two superb ensuite bathrooms attached to it, one is feminine and the other more masculine. The theme of this more feminine room is glamour, with its elegant light-coloured marble, delicate mirrored furniture and crystal lighting. The Kallista basins sit in custom-made cabinetry with a marble top created to match the walls and the floors. The addition of underfloor heating ensures that the marble flooring slabs always stay comfortably warm to the feet.





The central feature of 'Her' ensuite to the master bedroom is the grand Bette whirlpool bath, clad with and surrounded by the same light coloured marble that covers the floors and walls. The bath surround and backdrop are book-matched for a perfect finish. Both master ensuites feature waterproof TVs and self-demisting mirrors and are served by a Savant smart home system that enables fully integrated audio throughout the home as well as control over lighting and temperature



THE designer

“Plan ahead really well, and don’t forget to check the sizes of doorways and stairways before you order large baths or pieces of furniture. Get to know the team and talk to the site manager regularly – having him as your ally is essential. If you’ve moved out, keep going on site to check that everything is still on track.” **Celia Sawyer**

Guest bathroom

The main guest bathroom on the first floor boasts luxurious marble flooring and cladding, smart home technology and underfloor heating. It includes a walk-in shower, WC, bidet and twin basins. There are two more guest rooms on the first floor, plus four more ensuite bedrooms on the top floor.





His ensuite

The more masculine of the two ensuites to the master bedroom features a deeper, more golden hue of marble on the floors and walls, and a dark wood, bespoke vanity unit with matching marble top. It has a walk-in rainfall shower rather than a bath.

THE details

Developer Albany Homes albanyuk.com

Interior design by Celia Sawyer, founder, Celia Sawyer Luxury Interiors celiasawyer.com

Kitchen

Kitchen design by Poggenpohl including kitchen in +Segmento range in Sand Grey high-gloss lacquer with contrasting doors in dark oak veneer poggenpohl.com

Gaggenau CG280 gas hob, BO450 single ovens x2, BS450 steam oven, two warming drawers, BM450 combi-microwave oven, CM450 coffee machine, large integrated RF471 fridge and RC472 freezer gaggenau.com

Blanco Carron undermounted sink, Dante Pro tap and Seraphina boiling water tap carron.com

Bathrooms

Bathroom design including marble flooring and cladding, bespoke vanity units, self demisting mirror and waterproof TV by Celia Sawyer Luxury Interiors as before

Her ensuite

Bettewhirl whirlpool bath bette.co.uk

THG BB Glamour basin taps, bath taps and shower control thgstyle.com

Kallista Barbara Barry undercounter basin kallista.com

Duravit Starck 3 loo and bidet duravit.co.uk

Living House Clip designer towel warmer livinghouse.co.uk

His ensuite

Kallista Barbara Barry undercounter basins, Rain Bar shower head and body jets (His) as before

Duravit OpenSpace shower screen,

Starck 3 loo and bidet as before

Bathrooms International Marina black onyx basin taps and shower taps bathroomsint.com

Guest bathroom

Shower Power frameless screen and enclosure showerpower.co.uk

Kallista Barbara Barry undercounter basin as before

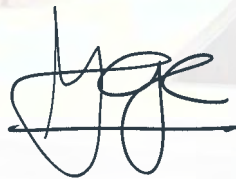
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Are Glacier, Latte, Vanilla and Matchstick just the latest names for white and magnolia? Easy to live with the most popular colours for kitchens and bathrooms are still whites and creams – so if that's what everyone else has too, how do you stamp your style?





This modular bathroom designed by Modulnova and available from DesignSpace London uses blocks of tones to break up the large space. The floors, walls, ceiling and even the industrial beams are painted white, and a Kerlite vanity top with a recessed bowl in Tornabuoni brown has been incorporated to add depth to the space. Bathroom furniture available in other colours and finishes. Vanity unit from £2,000; bath from £8,720. designspacelondon.com

Coloured bathrooms can feel too busy and cluttered – even when they are relatively empty – however if you have an absence of colour, a space can often feel too bare. Introducing texture will help draw the eye, giving the appearance there is more occupying the space than there actually is. By introducing lots of storage there will always be space to put away everything not befitting your pale colour scheme. The door and drawer fronts of these Coco vanity and side units by Falper introduce texture into the stark space. They are fabricated from relief printed and polish-lacquered MDF. Double vanity from £3,600. falper.it/en





EDITOR'S tip...

Dress a pale bathroom scheme with a pretty silver dressing table set and accessories such as limed wooden furniture upholstered in natural linen or raw silk. Visit your local furniture auction to seek out preloved furniture and upcycle with a lick of matt paint – try Farrow & Ball's 'Clunch'

The Art Deco-inspired Hebdern double vanity unit by Drummonds has a Arabescato marble top and chrome-finish taps, legs and exposed waste. Its subtle hues tone with the rest of the low-key colour scheme emphasising the exquisite grey veining. Also available with brass or nickel finish taps, legs and waste, with a Marquina black or Atlantic grey marble top. £6,540. drummonds-uk.com







Think...

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Carrara marble

Limestone

Pale wood

Easy living

Cream

Solid surface

Soft tone

White beams

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Painted surfaces

Simple

Pure

Off-white

Clean

Porcelain

Ivory

Muted

Light

Airy

Low contrast...



Using texture in your bathroom can be just as striking as using splashes of colour albeit more subtle and low key. This arty bathroom has combined sleek contemporary sanitaryware with distressed walls to create an intriguing clash of styles. The Vov bath and Body basins by Mastella and available from Alternative Bathrooms are made of white K-plan, a smooth and resistant composite material. Also available in black or bicolour. Basins £3,210 each; bath £7,800. alternativebathrooms.com



Raw wood lends a natural feel adding subtle contrast to this low-key colourscheme. The two white Viviana countertop basins from the Stone Resin collection by Indigenous have a gel-coated surface that is impervious to bacteria and staining. The basins have a discreet white plug cover in the same seamless finish. Matching bath available. Basins £306 each. indigenous.co.uk



Rather than texture the entwining shape of this towel rail adds interest to this monotone scheme. The Archibald bathroom radiator from Bisque crosses and loops back on itself offering an attractive yet immensely practical design that can warm multiple towels. Shown here in Beige Quartz it is also available in a chrome finish or in your choice of colour care of Bisque's colour matching service. From £655. bisque.co.uk



EDITOR'S tip...

Many opt for a white or cream kitchen, as they know they won't tire of it. However, your kitchen is a place you'll be spending a lot of time in, so give it personality and make it your own with coloured, easily changeable items. Here the wall has been painted a dramatic black – right on-trend for monochromatic black and white style – and it's a quick fix should you feel like a change



This pale kitchen provides a stark contrast to the dark floor and walls. The Vipp kitchen, shown here in white, is made from powder coated stainless steel and consists of three main components: Wall Module, Tall Module and a Kitchen Island (not shown). Kitchen also available in black. Price on request. vipp.com



An open-plan living kitchen that shares its space with other areas of the home needs to be unimposing as it is always on show. Integrated appliances, hidden gadgets and a neutral colour palette are a necessity. This handleless SE5005 kitchen by Siematic is finished in Lotus White gloss. To integrate the kitchen into its surroundings it has open shelving that connects with the FloatingSpaces programme shelving that runs from the kitchen on to the light Stone Beech veneer wall. The tall kitchen cabinets have been finished in the same wood veneer as the wall so they seamlessly blend in. Other colours available. Kitchen from £25,000. siematic.co.uk



“White and plain kitchens can provide a fantastic neutral base which can let you really express your individuality. To give the space a clear identity and impact, incorporate open shelving to display items that are personal to you and reflect your interests. This can be in both the kitchen and the areas between the kitchen and the general living areas. Look for flexible shelving systems which will let you rearrange and create new compositions to keep the look fresh and interesting.”

Bernard Otulakowski, managing director, Siematic UK





“When planning your kitchen create a timeless, sleek and sophisticated look by making use of details such as soft lighting or curved worksurfaces which can also add a calming aura to the busiest part of your home. A neutral base for your kitchen allows you to make subtle changes as your taste and trends develop over the years; such as adding a focal piece of art or perhaps some coloured accessories in your open display cabinetry.”

Tom Howley, creative design director, Tom Howley Kitchens



A kitchen with no windows will feel dark and even a little claustrophobic. Use light tones and bright lighting to open up a room and give it a friendlier ambiance. This painted oak veneer kitchen from Tom Howley is entirely bespoke. It has been finished in Sorrel cream paint that gives it a light yet welcoming feel. Other painted finishes available. Kitchen from £30,000. tomhowley.co.uk



“Natural materials help to bring warmth to a pale kitchen. Consider natural stone flooring or a solid wood breakfast bar to add texture and subtle colour to an otherwise white scheme.”

Simon Richmond, managing director, Poggenpohl UK



A white handleless kitchen will look clean and minimal yet it's likely to lack personality. Add an element in natural wood to give it an extra dimension and prevent it from appearing too clinical. This minimal kitchen is the +Segmento handleless kitchen in Polar white gloss lacquer by Poggenpohl. It has a natural white oak breakfast bar and an integrated aquarium to add interest. The thin 12mm-thick worktop appears suspended above the units beneath. Kitchen available in wood veneer, matt or gloss lacquer finishes. Kitchen from £30,000. poggenpohl.com

This Macassar poplar kitchen by Smallbone of Devizes has mirrored slips set within its doors to create an impression of light and space and offer perspectives on the kitchen furniture from every viewpoint in the room. Light Cararra marble splashback and worktops complement the Paint Library Slate 1 painted white cabinetry. Inspired by traditional apothecary cabinets the wall cupboards have glazed doors and glass shelves, providing a display opportunity. The island features a large maple chopping block that injects a bit of colour to warm the space. Kitchen from £40,000. smallbone.co.uk



“Far from looking bland, pale tones – when used correctly – add light and a sense of calm to your kitchen. Choose tones that work in harmony with the space, go for a shade that complements the products you will have on display such as favourite china or art pieces. Add depth and character by incorporating texture as well as colour into your design scheme.

Steven de Munnich, design director, Smallbone of Devizes



“When it comes to choosing a minimalist neutral kitchen, it is even more crucial to get those all-important touches right to inject personality into the room. For example, the introduction of a feature door in a bolder, brighter hue will add instant warmth and a more homely feel to the interior.”

Ben Burbidge, managing director, Burbidge Kitchens

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To give your pale kitchen a homely touch without compromising its easy to live with appearance consider adding a touch of wood – as on this island. This neutral ash Kew kitchen from Burbidge Kitchens is painted in Putty off-white with Jute grey wall cabinets – the soft tones sit harmoniously together. The contemporary design is complemented by Winter Drift white Mistral 25mm-thick solid surface worktops by Karonia. Other worksurfaces and paint colours available. Worktop from £250 per linear metre. **karonia.com**; Kitchen from £11,000. **burbidge.co.uk**

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TOWN & COUNTRY

They may live in busy Battersea, but this London family hankered after a touch of rural living, so they created the farmhouse kitchen of their dreams in their Victorian semi



A must-have for the new kitchen was a Mercury range cooker, which Emma specified in Truffle, a pinkish beige which then became the starting point for the neutral colour scheme

THE owners

Emma Sullam, a former fashion buyer for Topshop, lives in a conservation area part of Battersea with her husband Dan, son Cass aged seven, daughter Eliza aged five and Dobby the dog. She had put up with a tiny galley kitchen for years, but a complete refit of the home gave the opportunity to build a rear extension to house her dream kitchen.



“As with so many things in life, it’s what you leave out that’s as important as what you leave in.” **Jenny**



THE designer

"It's important to think about the space in between the cupboards, the light and how the room will be used. At Devol we try to get all our ideals and all our customers' ideals into one layout, but sometimes you do have to sacrifice things you want in order to get a room you love. It sounds like a contradiction I know, and it can be a real toughy to give up things you've set your heart on – I'm guessing the guys who own this house had loads more stuff they could have furnished their rooms with but they stopped themselves." **Jenny Jelley, senior classic kitchen designer, Devol**



The white Carrara marble was on Emma's wishlist and it gives a light and pretty feel to the space, working perfectly with the nickel taps and the truffle-coloured range cooker

The new kitchen is a much more sociable space than the tiny galley it replaced. Emma now feels she is part of family life even when she is busy cooking, and the breakfast bar is perfect for homework

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iving in the capital was no reason not to want a beautiful country kitchen, and Emma Sullam found just what she was looking for thanks to Devol's senior classic kitchen designer Jenny Jelley.

What was the brief?

Emma: "I explained that although I lived in London, I really wanted a kitchen that wouldn't look out of place in an old country house – our home lies in a conservation area and we wanted to honour the original features of the house. I needed a good mix of storage and work surface areas and wanted an island to bring together a large open-plan space."

Jenny: "I was asked to create a simple, classic, contemporary, bespoke kitchen in a style that suited Victorian living."

Why did you choose this company?

Emma: "I had seen Devol adverts in a few magazines and loved the simple look of their kitchens. I visited their showroom in Loughborough, a gorgeous converted mill full of beautiful kitchens, carefully curated accessories and lovely antique finds."

What were your must-haves?

Emma: "I had been using a tiny, ancient cooker with no grill or extractor fan for about 10 years and as a keen cook, I felt I'd done my time and could splash out on a really good cooker. I wanted to have a Mercury range cooker as I'd fallen in love with their beautiful colour range. The other must-have feature for me was Carrara marble to give the whole space a light and pretty feel and complement the pinky truffle colour of the range cooker."



Were there any challenges?

Jenny: “The main challenge was to keep the design pared down and simple while discreetly integrating appliances, fridges, freezers and wine storage.”

What are you most pleased with?

Emma: “I love the sink and taps in the island and I love the simplicity of the wall shelf with the angular brackets that work perfectly to give the kitchen a more contemporary feel. There are lots of handmade kitchens that have a similar look, some massively more expensive, some possibly a bit cheaper, but I love the fact that ours feels truly bespoke, it works perfectly for our space and the quality of the cabinetry, both externally and internally, is incredible.”

THE details

Kitchen design by Jenny Jelley, senior classic kitchen designer at Devol Kitchens, including bespoke, handmade cabinetry in The Classic English Kitchen design, painted in Pavilion Grey and topped with Carrara marble worktops devolkitchens.co.uk

Mercury 1200DFT range cooker in Truffle mercuryappliances.co.uk

Rangemaster REXT 720 extractor rangemaster.co.uk

Siemens KI81RAF30GB fridge, GU15DA50GB freezer, SN65M031GB dishwasher siemens-home.co.uk

Villeroy & Boch Farmhouse double butler-style ceramic sink and undermounted island sink villeroy-boch.co.uk

Perrin & Rowe Ionian and Mayan taps perrinandrowe.co.uk

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This built-in Linea Duo bath from Glass 1989 is large enough for two bathers to relax comfortably together. It features two headrests and an airpool and whirlpool jet combi system for a total wellness experience. The white acrylic bath is complemented by dark brown water-resistant cushions. Linea Duo, £9,145; four cushions, £915. glass1989.it

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Bossini's Eikon systems can control the flow rate and temperature for up to four water outlets and lights. This bathroom retreat boasts a bath with Mak Brass Waterfall Spout and Flat One Bracket Set hand shower. On the right is the Dream Flat Light Cube rain shower, four Cubic body jets and a Flat One Bracket Set hand shower. Prices on request. bossini-ibb.co.uk



A foot spa stimulates the circulation and thereby the entire body, not just the feet. The enamelled steel Foot Bath by Dornbracht comes complete with a seat and platinum matt or polished chrome finish fittings. It features pre-fitted jets and an electronic control that allows you to monitor temperature and water flow. £9,015. dornbracht.com

A sauna is the ultimate luxury addition that can transform your bathroom into a home spa. The timber Arja Finnish Sauna with Bio-Sauna function from Teuco offers a variety of wellbeing benefits. The enclosure features chromatherapy, aromatherapy, a dry traditional sauna function and a Bio-Sauna steam function. Four sizes available. From £15,685. teuco.com







“Shower loos are becoming an increasingly popular option for consumers looking for all-out spa-style luxury in their bathrooms. People like the idea of cleaning with water but are often put off of choosing a loo and separate bidet due to space constraints. The shower toilet offers an all-in-one solution, that leaves the user with a spa-like feeling of cleanliness, that is simple to use by all the family.”

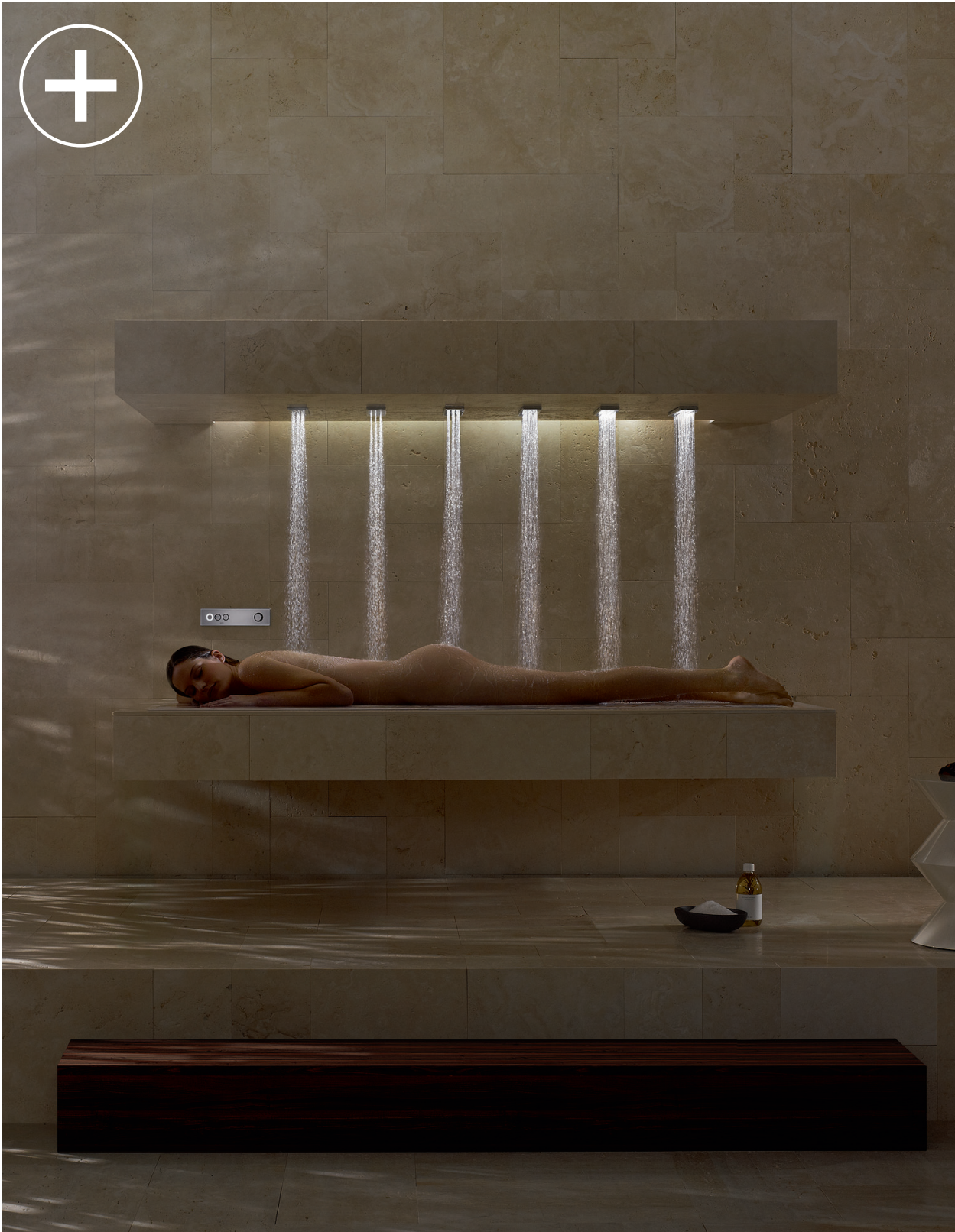
Sara Johnston, marketing & communications manager, Geberit

Walk-in showers and wetrooms exude spa-like luxury. Water can fall anywhere in a wetroom so you can focus on yourself rather than worrying about splashes and spillages. The rain shower and hand shower in this wetroom share the room with a Geberit Monolith Sanitary module and AquaClean Sela wall-hung loo that offers the benefits of a bidet without taking up any additional space. AquaClean Sela, £2,385; Monolith Sanitary module, £955. geberit.co.uk





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This horizontal shower combines the cleansing experience of a vertical shower with the relaxing effect of a bath. The Symetrics modular system by Dornbracht and available from Alternative Bathrooms features six Water Bars set above a reclining space. It is operated by an eTool system that features three pre-programmable selections. As shown from £3,930. alternativebathrooms.com



Colour can transform more than just the look of your bathroom – it has the power to change the way you feel. Chromatherapy, the use of coloured light in the bath or shower, is quickly becoming the latest must-have. Individual colours offer different effects such as enhancing your mood, relieving stress or stimulating your mind. The water cascading from these Meteo showers reflects the coloured light radiating from their rims. The built-in showers from Antoniolupi have stainless steel or matt white showerheads and stainless steel, black or matt white rims. Available square or rectangular. Price on request. antoniolupi.com



Natural materials such as wood and stone come together to create this relaxing spa environment. Wooden steps lead the way to the white Carrara marble Hydrowell whirlpool bathtub by Neutra. Hydrowell, which is the first whirlpool bath in the world hewn from a single block of marble, is also available in other stones and in a variety of sizes. Price on request. neutradesign.it





The St. Trop steam cabin from Duravit features a large overhead shower, hand shower and steam setting so it can be used as a regular shower enclosure as well as a wellness cabin. The door that frames the enclosure, shown here in Dark Chestnut, is available in a choice of 27 coloured finishes, each with aluminium edging that complements the high-gloss white cabin. The white stool can be used in the shower as a seat. Available as a back-to-wall or corner version, from £7,515; stool from £445. duravit.co.uk

“To create a restful retreat that could rival your favourite spa, you need to create a space where you can indulge in all of your favourite treatments, so consider incorporating comfortable seating. Look for warm and tactile materials such as zebrano wood finishes to give your bathroom an earthy and luxurious spa feel. It’s essential it provides an environment you will want to relax in, so make sure potentially irritating clutter is kept out of sight with good storage.”

Darren Paxford, national sales manager, Vitra



The Shift Pure bath with roll-out mat by Vitra offers a practical way to bring a spa-like quality to your bathroom without the need for additional space. The wooden roll-out mat fits into the grooves of the bath to provide a relaxing area to sit or lie down. The white acrylic bath is available with side panels in Anthracite grey, high-gloss White, Mountain Larch or Zebrano (as shown). As shown, £1,985. vitra.co.uk





This chrome finish shower from Crosswater includes a showerhead that offers rain and waterfall effects to provide an invigorating experience. A practical hand shower complements the main showerhead and four body jets, which are all operated from a single four-valve control system. Revive fixed showerhead, £525; hand shower, £120; four-valve control, £740. crosswater.co.uk

Left: Style is key in creating a tranquil spa-like bathroom. This steel Eos towel rail by Iconic Radiators features circular layers that create an attractive sculptural form. Shown here in a Metallic silver finish it is also available in other colours and finishes. £1,005. iconicradiators.co.uk

Whether you opt for a sauna or a steam room your home spa will undoubtedly become the envy of all who see it. Saunas and steam rooms, although similar offer different benefits. Steam rooms, like saunas, make you hot, induce sweating and increase your heart rate, however they have high humidity and create a visible mist that can help your respiratory system. Here opulent mosaic tiles from Bisazza have been used in contrast to the natural timber steam room. The walls are in glossy black with a textured gold feature wall above a chalice shaped washbasin. The floor is in Bisazza Stripes Fall glass and gold mosaic tiles in brown, yellow and gold. Mosaic tiles available in other colours. From £860 per square metre. bisazza.com





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ALL WHITE IN THE NIGHT

The introduction of a stunning white minimal wetroom into a traditional 15th-century timber-framed Sussex hall house was a challenge of design and engineering



THE owners

Craig and Sally Rogers wanted to completely update their historic detached 15th-century Sussex hall house. Despite the ancient beams and crooked windows of their rural home, they wanted to create an ensuite wetroom with a bright, white minimal look in their attic bedroom.

The seamless white finish across the floors, walls, basin and storage was achieved using Alpine white Hi-Macs, a non-porous acrylic solid surface material

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nowing they would need expert fabrication to cope with the difficulties of their period home, the Rogers enlisted the help of Chris Cook, director of Solidity, to create a bespoke Alpine white Hi-Macs wetroom in their attic bedroom.

“Our mantra is ‘smart but functional’ which was exactly what the owner wanted,” says Chris, “clean, simple lines and totally unfussy. The bathroom is very minimalist; the client wanted a modern, linear vanity, with minimal waste and some storage as well.”

The spacious wetroom occupies one end of the large, timber-framed attic bedroom, which wasn’t without its challenges. “The ancient beams and old windows were the main issues we had to address,” says Chris. “And as the home is an old structure there is a lot of movement, which meant we needed a hard material that can flex – that is why we chose Hi-Macs.” The

material was used to create the shelving and storage, vanity unit and basin and the wall and floor cladding.

As well as the challenges of fitting a wetroom into an old building, incorporating storage into an environment full of cascading water also brings its problems. “As the drawers in the storage area have the potential to get wet, we stepped the fronts, so that when they are closed, if water does come into contact with them, it doesn’t run down into the drawer below,” explains Chris.

The shower is in the middle of the wetroom space so there was no obvious place to put the controls, meaning that the high-tech solution of an Aqualisa iLux digital shower with wireless remote control was used, in conjunction with a generous Hansgrohe shower head. “It’s lovely,” says Chris. “We hit the brief and the customer is totally delighted.”



The generously sized basin and vanity unit was formed out of the crisp, white Hi-Macs, as was the fitted storage around the edge of the wetroom which was cleverly designed so that moisture from the shower above was unable to enter the drawers



“As the home is an old structure, there is a lot of movement, which meant we needed a hard material that can flex.” **Chris**

THE designer

“The most important thing is to make sure that you choose to use experienced and skilled people on site. It is really important for everyone to come and do a site visit before starting on a project, and you must ensure that there is a sympathy between the designer, the customer and the builder as they are all going to have to work together harmoniously on site.” **Chris Cook, director, Solidity**



THE details

Design of bespoke Hi-Macs wetroom including basin, vanity top, furniture, floor and wall panels by Chris Cook, director, Solidity **solidity.co.uk**

Hi-Macs in Alpine white **himacs.eu**

Villeroy & Boch Lifetime wall-hung WC **villeroy-boch.co.uk**

Dornbracht Mem single handle basin mixer **dornbracht.com**

Aqualisa iLux remote control shower **aqualisa.co.uk**

Hansgrohe Raindance shower head **hansgrohe.co.uk**

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Some cultures find thin attractive – catwalks have had slender models since Twiggy was a girl – but don't be mistaken – when it comes to models *Utopia's* firmly in the #fitnotthin camp. However, when talking about kitchens we have to admit – we're hooked! It all started with the appearance of über-fine worktops a mere 10mm thick and has carried on ever since. We regularly find ourselves admiring the tall, elegant proportions of a cabinet, or the sleek form of a slimline extractor, or an unusual tap for its extremely narrow, stylish design, and being a bit different from the norm is what sets these graceful gazelles apart. We feel we're not alone, so this feature celebrates the elegant svelt-like lines queuing up to grace our kitchens. Here's our pick of some lean, willowy wonders oozing refinement and delicacy...



This handleless kitchen from the MH6 Kitchen Collection by Modulnova and available from DesignSpace London features white melamine cabinets and a slender 20mm-thick white laminate worktop. The narrow depth ceiling-hung extractor hood is clad in the same 20mm-thick white melamine as the cabinetry. Kitchen from £25,000. designspacelondon.com

The worktop of the Isola Cross island module appears extra slim, as flouting convention, it has no cabinetry beneath and its supports are fully exposed creating a large airy space between the worktop and the floor. The island by Elmar and available from Laurence Pidgeon Design has an integrated hob and sink in stainless steel. The island and matching stainless steel wall unit contrast with the natural sawn oak EL_01 cabinetry with exposed aluminum shelving. Each shelf is only 8mm thick, so products on display almost seem to float. Other timber finishes and matt or gloss lacquer paint finishes available. Kitchen from £20,000. laurencepidgeon.com







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Abode's AT1158 kitchen mixer tap has an ultra-sleek profile. It has a super-slim right-angled spout that is operated by two matching levers. Available in chrome (above left) Granite Black, Gloss White or Brushed Nickel finishes (above right). Chrome finish from £294. **abode.eu**



This Invisible kitchen by Toncelli features an intriguing Infinito suspended peninsula, intended for use as breakfast bar, that almost disappears when viewed side-on. Made of carbon fibre its exceptional delicacy yet super strength allows the top to be cantilevered despite its surprising 2,700mm length. Price on request. **toncelli.it**

EDITOR'S tip...

Shelves are great giving easy access to items you use all the time, but think carefully what you place on them – items such as glasses need to be near the fridge, whereas the cruet set needs to be near the table or breakfast bar

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These intriguing 'floating' shelves are set into the wall negating the need for exposed brackets and making them the stars in this kitchen. The über-thin Casa metal shelves from Rational are just 5mm thick. Despite their slim profiles the shelves can hold 17kg – so they're perfect for everything from crockery to weighty recipe books. Here the shelves have been finished in a Pearl Grey lacquer to match the rest of the kitchen. Other finishes available. Kitchen from £10,000. rational.de/en

This Xila kitchen by Boffi is finished in extra-light 4mm-thick frosted tempered glass, painted in white. The glass on the cabinetry is fitted on trim 19mm-thick wood board that reinforces the doors. Other colours available. Kitchen from £36,000.
boffiuk.com



“A thin profile worktop creates a minimalist, clean line to the kitchen, but in terms of design you need to be careful to make sure you create enough support. A thin worktop complements the furniture rather than being a focal point – it makes the overall appearance sleeker. Some materials are only available in thicker slabs, so ask for a shark-nosed edge profile to create a thinner appearance.”

Eve Turner, senior designer, Neil Lerner

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A shadow gap refers to the space between two surfaces. Here the island's worktop and cabinetry are separated by a shadow gap that draws the eye and exaggerates the thinness of the worksurface. The basalt stone ceramic-effect island from Neil Lerner has a 12mm-thick hardwearing grey Silestone quartz worktop with a 'large enough to be useful' 80mm-thick white Corian solid-surface breakfast bar. The island also contains an induction hob and teppan-yaki hob that sit almost flush to the worktop. Kitchen from £30,000. neillerner.com



This deep drawer is part of the Pure kitchen range from John Lewis of Hungerford. The solid oak drawer boasts a thin matching finger rail handle that extends from the specialist moisture-resistant Medite board front which is finished in Cobalt blue matt paint. Also available in walnut, in a choice of 80 colours, in a gloss, matt or distressed finish. John Lewis of Hungerford also offers a colour matching service that can match paint to an existing colour. Kitchen from £17,500. john-lewis.co.uk

ECO STYLE

Drawing on the solidity and natural strength of the surrounding coniferous forests for inspiration, this eco-friendly Passive house in the Belgian Ardennes offers simple and tranquil living with a very low carbon footprint

The elegant kitchen by Leicht benefits from views over the Ardennes forest and direct access onto a breakfast terrace over the swimming pool. With so much natural beauty close at hand, the kitchen design has been pared down, with the handleless units and thick Corian worktop exuding simplicity and minimalist style



THE owners

Florian Peeters and his wife Manon are both fans of the outdoor life and wanted an eco-friendly home that would enable them to enjoy the countryside all year round. They like to avoid clutter, so plenty of storage was an essential.





The Passive house has been designed to use as little energy as possible, so there is plenty of storage on the outside of the home for wood which will be used as carbon-neutral fuel. Meanwhile, solar panels on the roof help to warm the water. Expensive thermal insulation glass means that despite the vast floor-to-ceiling window, the kitchen will remain warm and comfortable throughout the year



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rchitect Patrick Meisch likes to take his inspiration from the local surroundings, which in the case of this eco-friendly home in the Ardennes area of Belgium, could only mean the trees. “Extensive coniferous forests are characteristic of this region,” he says. “The solidly built Passive house, close to Martelange, echoes this material within its facade, thus creating a strong connection with the landscape. The Leicht kitchen, too, reflects the architectural concept with its straight lines, functionality and minimalism.”

The kitchen is part of a free-flowing space that takes up the ground floor of the home. It is visually linked to the dining room and living area through the use of black slate flooring and concrete ceilings, with the space divided only by freestanding partitions. “Handleless tall units with integrated electrical appliances behind the glossy lacquered fronts form a closed wall, separating the

kitchen from the dining area,” explains Meisch. “An elongated island block with a white Corian worktop provides the central feature, while everything that could disturb the tranquillity and flow of the room has a place behind handleless cupboard fronts. The ceiling fan keeps the view clear.”

The whole kitchen has been designed around a minimalist ethos, so concealment of the everyday clutter of a working kitchen is a key feature of the Leicht cabinetry. While not in use, the appliances are hidden away in the tall units, but the doors open up and fold away into the units when you touch a plinth-level control with your foot, ideal if you have your hands full with a heavy casserole. In the base units, pull-out storage offers a huge amount of space for pots and pans, crockery and ingredients. “The integrated interior pull-outs are very easy to handle,” says Meisch, “and present a continuous front to the outside.”



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THE designer

"My design principle is that good architecture can be very simple. Less is often more. Everything that could disturb the tranquility and flow of the room should be hidden away behind cupboard doors, and it's important not to interrupt the views across the room." **Patrick Meisch, architect**

Bathroom two

No need for an ensuite bathroom; in this warm, well-insulated but also well-ventilated home you can take a bath in the bedroom without getting chilly or steaming the place up. There's also an outdoor shower on the terrace for those returning from the pool.





Main bathroom

The wooden shutters in this darkly decorated bathroom allow a gentle, filtered light into the room while providing privacy from the outside world. The bath is positioned in an area where the ceiling is lower, giving a feeling of being cocooned.

THE details

Architect, Patrick Meisch, overall design including black slate floors and polished concrete ceilings **massiv-passiv.lu**

Kitchen

Leicht Largo and Avance lacquered handleless kitchen units and island. Tall units conceal appliances and are opened with kick plates at the bottom, low units have profile grip rail **leicht.com**

Corian Fontana sink and worktop in Glacier White **corian.co.uk**

Dornbracht Lot taps **dornbracht.com**

Novy ceiling extractor **novy.com**

Siemens induction hob, oven, fridge and freezer **siemens-home.co.uk**

Main bathroom

Duravit Vero, similar basin and bath **duravit.co.uk**

Bathroom two

Isca Garda, similar wall-mounted shower mixer **isca.co.za**

BetteStarlet, similar oval bath with freestanding surround and filler **bette.co.uk**

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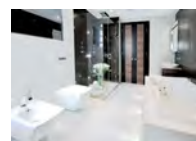
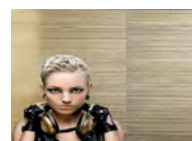
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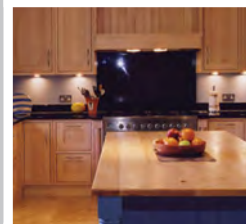
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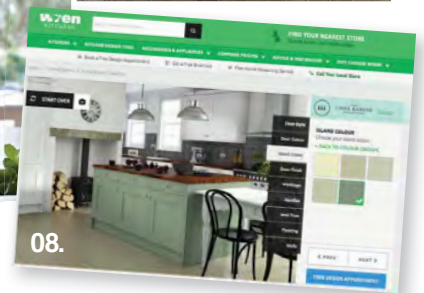
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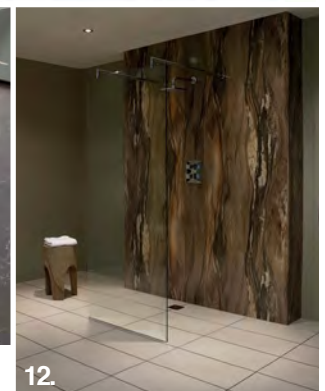
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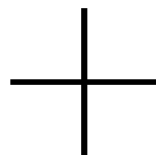
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